Section c.) Remarks.

This reply is in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003.

The Examiner indicated that Claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of Claim 3, as well as the subject matter of Claim 2, from which Claim 3 depends. Amended Claim 1 and the remaining dependent Claim 4 should be allowable. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled.

The Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejections and pass the case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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